

4 The Site is located east of the City of Houston, between two unincorporated areas known as Channelview and as Highlands, in Harris County in the State of Texas. The Site itself has no specific street address. The Site is located north and south sides of where the Interstate Highway 10 Bridge (I-10) crosses over the San Jacinto River (see Enclosure 2). The Site is comprised of two separate tracts of land that are contaminated with certain hazardous materials, including dioxin. The Site possibly also includes areas of river sediment in the San Jacinto River that might be contaminated with dioxin that has leached from the Site's land areas. The EPA has evidence that indicates the dioxin had been in waste paper mill sludge that had been transported to and released onto the Site's two land areas during the late 1960's.

Both of the Site's land areas are on the west side of the San Jacinto River. One of the Site's two land areas (Tract 1) is located on the north side of I-10. Tract 1 is an abandoned 20-acre tract of land that is adjacent to the west side of the San Jacinto River and adjacent to the north side of I-10. Three abandoned waste disposal pits are located on Tract 1. The three abandoned waste pits cover an area that approximates 3.5 acres of Tract 1. Part of Tract 1, including the abandoned disposal pit area, is now below the water surface of the adjacent San Jacinto River. The Site's second land area (Tract 2) is located on the south side of the I-10 and is also on the west side of the San Jacinto River. Tract 2 is 18.7048-acre of tract of land upon which an approximate xxx-acre covered and now abandoned waste pit is located. tract of two parcels is three abandoned waste pits cover an area that approximates 3.5 acres

Samples collected in the disposal pits and in down river sediments have dioxin concentrations as high as 70,000 parts per trillion. Sediments contaminated with high levels of dioxin have been found in the San Jacinto River for a distance of at least one-half mile downstream from the disposal pits.